



The Catholic Church in Park Gate St Margaret Mary

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Luke 1 v 1-4 and 4 v 14-21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week 3)

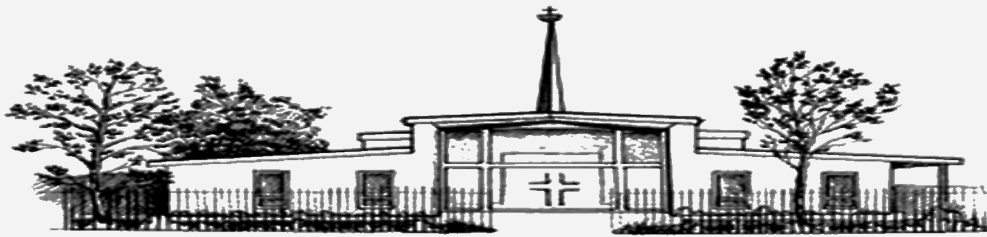
Sunday 26th Jan	8.30am	Robert Cowan RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Deceased Members of the Morrish Family RIP
Monday 27th	9.30am	Merlyn Lewis Intention
	7pm	Adoration
Tuesday 28th	9.30am	John Lewis RIP
Thurs 30th	7pm	Amy Jane Intention
Fri 31st	9.30am	John Hutchins RIP

The Presentation of the Lord

Sunday 2nd February	8.30am	Claire Morgan, Paddy Morgan, Patsy Murphy and Deceased members of Anderson & Moran Family RIP
	10.30am	No Intention
	6.30pm	People of the Parish

Refreshments are served in the Parish hall after the 10.30am Mass.

2025



Fr Ansel's day off is Wednesday, therefore unavailable on this day.

For any urgent sick calls on Fr Ansel's day off, please call Sacred Heart, Fareham on 01329 318869.

The Church will still be open from 9am-1.30pm for anyone who wishes to come for private prayer.

The Catholic Bishop conference of England and Wales have released a Pilgrim Prayer book which can be downloaded from the Diocese Jubilee year website. <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025>

Short Reflection on this weeks' Gospel Luke 1 v 104 and 4 v 14-21

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit: Jesus came from His time of testing stronger than ever. Though He was already filled with the Spirit (Luke 4:1), He continued to walk in the power of the Spirit after experiencing victory over temptation.

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: Is 61 v 1-2

The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me: The one speaking in this Isaiah passage is the Anointed One; the Messiah, the Christ.

He has anointed Me to...: In this prophecy, the Messiah announced that He came to heal the fivefold damage that sin brings.

Sin does great damage, so there must be a great work of redemption.

- To preach the gospel to the poor: Sin impoverishes, and the Messiah brings good news to the poor.
- To heal the broken-hearted: Sin breaks hearts, and the Messiah has good news for the broken-hearted.
- To proclaim liberty to the captives: Sin makes people captive and enslaves them, and the Messiah comes to set them free.
- Recovery of sight to the blind: Sin blinds us, and the Messiah comes to heal our spiritual and moral blindness.
- To set at liberty those who are oppressed: Sin oppresses its victims, and the Messiah comes to bring liberty to the oppressed.

Thankfully, Jesus didn't come to only preach deliverance or even to only bring deliverance. Jesus came to be deliverance for us.

"Christ was the great enemy of bonds. He was the lover and the light of liberty." (Morrison)

Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." So all bore witness to Him, and marvelled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

And sat down: As Jesus sat, He prepared to teach instead of returning to His seat among the congregation. Everyone wondered how He would explain what He had just read.

Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing: With these words Jesus answered two questions.

- "Whom did Isaiah write of?" Jesus answered, "Isaiah wrote of Me."
- "When will this come to pass?" Jesus answered, "Isaiah wrote of now."

Mass Intentions. To book a Mass intention/s please contact the Parish office by phone, email or in person. If you leave an envelope outside office hours please can you put all the details on the envelope, particularly your name and contact number. The most important thing is that the sacrifice of the Mass is offered, but we cannot guarantee the date. If you make a donation via BACS, please include reference of 'Mass Int'. Thank you.

Standing Orders and Gift Aid

Thank you for all you do to support your parish in many different ways.

If you haven't already done so, please consider donating via a standing order, and sign up for gift aid, in order to provide a more stable, and 25% extra, parish income. Forms available on the website, at the back of the church and from the Parish Office.

Contactless Giving—Available at the back of the Church.

Do you need our bank details?

CDP PARK GATE ST MARG MARY

Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 00883663



You can also scan this QR code to donate online.

Park Gate Noticeboard For more information on all our activities, have a look on our web site:
www.stmargaretmary.co.uk

Please submit any notices for the Newsletter by Wednesday lunchtime.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is Sunday 26th January 2025 at 7.45pm in the Church.

You are all most welcome. For more information, please contact David Walford: walford101@hotmail.com



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de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

We are here to help. If you need help in any way, or are interested in volunteering some time to help, give us a call on 07487 659277.

Donation cheques to be made out to : B170413 SVP St Margaret Mary Park Gate



Friday Coffee Morning. Come for coffee and chat after 9.30am Mass.

SVP—Parent/Baby Coffee Morning.

SVP would like to invite parents of young children (0 to 18 months) to a coffee morning on Thursday's. Why not come and join us for a coffee, cake and chat in the Paray room in the Church. The next meeting will be on Thursday 23rd January at 10.30am. If you are interested please contact member of SVP or call usual number—07487 659277

Repository—Please call in and see the range of Christian gifts and cards available.

Vinnie's Café. The first meeting of 2025 is on Saturday 25th January from 2-4pm in ST.Margaret Mary, Parish Hall. Come along for friendly company, tea and cake. No charge, but donations welcome.

New for 2025—Seeker Saturday's

Discerning God's Will

These sessions will be held at Scared Heart Catholic Church in Fareham, PO16 0NQ from 11am-3pm.

The dates are:- 25th Jan, 22nd March, 3rd May and 28th June. Fellowship, Formation and food.

Booking is required. For more information please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD meeting on Saturday 15th February from 10:30am to 1:30pm

at St Margaret Mary Church Hall Middle Road Park Gate SO31 7GH Please join us to find out how your donations to CAFOD are making a difference to communities in Kenya. Everyone is welcome and please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers as a simple lunch will be provided by emailing Jo on jjewry@cafod.org.uk

EVANGELISATION & CULTURE CONFERENCE 21-22 February 2025 Excel London

Join us for our first-ever conference on the Bible. This conference is for you if you are seeking to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and the beauty of the Catholic faith while growing in your evangelism efforts. Meet the Speakers: Professor Tracey Rowland, Bishop Robert Barron Professor N.T. Wright, Dr. Holly Ordway, Haley Stewart Brenden Thompson, Justin Brierley, Dr Matthew Petrussek wordonfire.org/the-bible-event

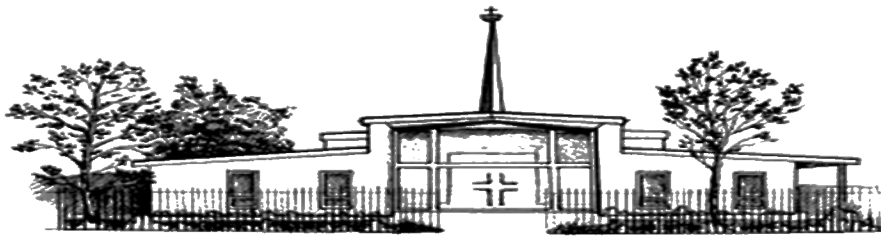
FEAST OF THE STO NINO (HOLY CHILD JESUS)

On the 1st of February - Saturday, at 6:00pm, as ST. Mary's Church in Gosport, there will be a solemn Mass in honour of the Feast of the Santo Niño (Holy Child). This is a celebration commemorating the birth of Catholicism in the Philippines and the Christianisation of the country. Fr Jufel Baldado of St Boniface—Southampton will be at St Mary's to celebrate the Mass. Please bring your images of the Child Jesus to be blessed after the Mass. There will be a small gathering in St Mary's parish hall afterwards.

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE!

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading.

Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages. Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading. Please take action now by visiting www.righttolife.org.uk



If you are unwell and would like a Eucharist Ministry team member to bring Holy Communion to you at home.

Please contact Nick Sadler on 07834 923585

If you are going in to hospital, please get in touch with the relevant chaplaincy service:

Southampton General 02381 208517

QA Portsmouth 02392 286408

Second Collections.—Sunday 26th January—Cathedral

Canon James McAuley, Dean of the Cathedral, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia writes:

Since I became Dean of our Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist in September 2022, the parish has had to pay for the emergency repair of three serious roof leaks, as well as the replacement of two failing flat roofs. The cost of these repairs was met from parish funds. In 2023, the 120-year-old West Window had to be shored up, removed and completely restored to prevent its imminent collapse. So far, generous donors from the parish and from across the diocese have contributed £84,130 of the £90,100 cost of repair. Our most recent quinquennial architectural survey (autumn 2023) indicated work required over the next few years to the roof, windows, heating, and electrical systems at an estimated cost of £2 million plus VAT.

Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed.

Your support is vitally important to us.

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Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Contact: safeguarding@stmargaretmary.co.uk

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Email: facilities@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Repository (Greeting Cards, Books, Gifts and more)

Email: repository@stmargaretmary.co.uk (please see www.cbcdistributors.co.uk for items you can order)

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